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1. A LOCAL BUSINESSMAN HAS ADVISED CONSULATE THAT 2ND ARMY BRIGADE COMMANDER COL. JUAN E. PEREZ GUILLÉN TOLD HIM THAT HE HAS BEEN PROMISED BY BALAGUER POSITION OF MOD REPLACING GENERAL PEREZ Y PEREZ. PEREZ GUILLÉN ADDED THAT HE WAS TO HAVE TAKEN THE POSITION IN AUGUST BUT THAT DUE TO PRESS LEAKS ABOUT IMPENDING CHANGES IN THE TOP LEVELS OF THE ARMED FORCES, THE APPOINTMENT WAS POSTPONED. HE NOW EXPECTS TO BE UPPOINTED THIS MONTH.

2. ON SEPTEMBER 1, PEREZ GUILLÉN VOLUNTEERED TO A CONSULATE OFFICER THAT HE IS RUMORED TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE MOD POSITION BUT ADDED

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THAT HE HAS NOT HEARD THIS FROM ANY OFFICIAL SOURCE. HE STATED THAT HE HAD SEEN PRESIDENT BALAGUER LAST WEEKEND AND THAT THE PRESIDENT MADE NO MENTION OF SUCH AN APPOINTMENT.

3. PEREZ GUILLÉN, WHO HAS HAD MORE THAN 30 YEARS SERVICE IN THE ARMY, HAS BEEN COMMANDER OF THE SECOND BRIGADE WHICH IS HEADQUARTERED IN SANTIAGO SINCE MARCH, 1966. DURING THE REVOLUTION HE WAS STATIONED IN BARAHONA WHERE HE REPORTEDLY ARRESTED AND DISARMED SEVERAL FROGMEN WHO VISITED THE TOWN. IN EARLY 1965, HE WAS COMMANDER OF THE 2ND BRIGADE. IN 1962 AND 1963 HE HELD POSITIONS AS ARMY QUARTERMASTER AND ARTILLERY COMMANDER. HE HAS HAD VARIOUS ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD INCLUDING ATTACHE POSITIONS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE (1958) AND CARACAS (1955-57). FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF TRUJILLO, HE WAS ARRESTED FOR A BRIEF PERIOD.

4. PEREZ GUILLÉN IS FAIRLY WELL KNOWN TO CONSULATE OFFICERS. HE HAS BEEN FRIENDLY AND COOPERATIVE WITH THE CONSULATE BUT HAS NOT BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN HIS POSITION IN SANTIAGO. ON THE SUBJECT OF MILITARY REFORM, PEREZ GUILLÉN HAS MENTIONED THAT HE REMEMBERS THE

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DAYS WHEN THE AIR FORCE WAS A SMALL PART OF THE ARMY AND HAS IMPLIED THAT HE RESENTS ITS GROWTH. HE HAS ALSO SAID THAT THE CEFA (NOW 4TH BRIGADE) LIKE THE AIR FORCE IS AN ARTIFICIAL CREATION OF THE TRUJILLO FAMILY.

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1. Your recommendations reftel Items 3, C and E will be subjects later messages. Item I, see STATE 37307.
2. Item D. We would be prepared to make and stimulate suitable statements. Probably preferable initial statement come from OAS Ad Hoc Committee and that US statement be one of several from various countries. Would you like to supply proposed texts of statements?
3. Item F. USAID authorized sign activity agreements up to \$40 million, although we suggest when \$15 million level reached there should be especially thorough review of relation US support to 1967 budget and general economic policies of DR.
4. Item G. Tenth MFM need not be terminated immediately following withdrawal IAPF. Although there may be disposition do so on part of some Dels, indication that GODR desires it remain in existence for time being should suffice prevent termination. (As precedent, COAS/OC convoked under Rio Treaty at time Cuban missile crisis remains in existence.) Alternative of continuing some surveillance of situation through COAS in our view unfeasible.

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